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QUESTION OF THE REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES ON THE MOON AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES

Note by the Secretary-General

Pursuant to rule 13 (g) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General has the honour to propose the inclusion in the provisional agenda of the forty-ninth regular session of the Assembly of an item entitled "Question of the review of the Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies".

In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure, an explanatory memorandum is attached.

ANNEX

Explanatory memorandum

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 34/68 of 5 December 1979, having noted with satisfaction that the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, on the basis of the deliberations and recommendations of the Legal Subcommittee, had completed the text of the draft Agreement Governing the Activities of States on the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, commended that instrument and requested the Secretary-General to open it for signature and ratification at the earliest possible date. The text of the Agreement is annexed to the resolution.

2. The Agreement was opened for signature on 18 December 1979 and entered into force on 11 July 1984.

3. Article 18 of the Agreement provides in part:

> "Ten years after the entry into force of this Agreement, the question of the review of the Agreement shall be included in the provisional agenda of the General Assembly of the United Nations in order to consider, in the light of past application of the Agreement, whether it requires revision."

4. As 10 years since the entry into force of the Agreement will have elapsed on 10 July 1994, the question of the review of the Agreement should be included by the Secretary-General, pursuant to article 18 of the Agreement, in the provisional agenda of the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.